

WILLIMANTIC

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What is Going On Tonight.

Owhebetuck Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall. Trinity Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., meets in Masonic Hall.

Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 9546, meets at 781 Main Street.

At the meeting of Windham encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., held Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: Chief, John T. Erbacher; high priest, Elmer M. Young; senior warden, Loren C. Clifford, Jr.; junior warden, Arthur E. Taylor; scribe, Charles H. Beebe; treasurer, Fred L. Avery.

The weekly meeting this (Thursday) evening of Owhebetuck lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., will be of special interest to all the members.

The graduating exercises of the South Windham grammar school were held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Guilford Smith hall, and were attended by a number of relatives and friends of the graduating class, which this year numbers four. George H. Shaffer, principal of the Willimantic State Normal school, in an eloquent speech presented diplomas to the graduates. The following program was presented: Part I—The Coming of Spring, chorus; Out Among the Daffodils, chorus; Daffodil Lady, Helen Avery, and chorus; The Violet, Evelyn Hedman; June, chorus; The Flowers' Ball, chorus; Daisies, Ellen Healy, Catherine Keger, Household Hints, Daisy, Alice Hedman; Buttercup, Doris Lewis; Sweet Peas, chorus; The Rosebud's Mistake, Anna Smith and chorus; Lily Bell, chorus; Autumn Leaves, Sarah Beckwith, Helen Smith; The Sleeping Garden, chorus; Flowers Asleep, Genevieve Myers.

Part II—The Camping Party, chorus of boys; The Spirit of America, Dorothy Colbert; Italian War Hymn, chorus; To America, Walter Healy; The Maple Leaf, chorus; A Tribute to Columbus, Hubert Keger; The Marcelline, chorus; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Russell Sweet; Beautiful, chorus; In Flanders Field, George Healy; Reply, Henry Holm; presentation of diplomas, Principal George Shaffer; the national anthem; and school song, Star Spangled Banner.

The graduating exercises of the various schools in the town of Windham will be completed this (Thursday) evening, when the musical school, on Windham street, holds its exercises in the assembly room of the Windham High school and the graduating class at St. Joseph's school will give an interesting program in St. Joseph's church.

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Over 150 attended the benefit dance given in the town hall Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Pickett's orchestra furnished music and during the intermission refreshments were served.

In behalf of the board of trustees of the First Spiritualistic society of Willimantic, which owns the building on Bank street, the upper portion of which is being used for a moving picture theatre, Sheriff Charles A. Glines yesterday served notice on the proprietor of the theatre, Salvatore Foti, to vacate the premises by July 1st. The papers in the case were made out by Attorney Thomas J. Kelly, acting for the society. The reason for the action could not be ascertained Wednesday. The present occupant has been running the theatre for over a year and has said that he has a lease of the premises until June 1, 1920.

One of the best programs ever arranged for and given by a graduating class of the Natchaug school was that of this year's class, which held its exercises in assembly hall of the Windham High school Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock before a large audience. A feature of the exercises not on a note to be ascertained Wednesday. The present occupant has been running the theatre for over a year and has said that he has a lease of the premises until June 1, 1920.

The work of the Natchaug school chorus of 30 voices was especially good, and each number was warmly applauded. The exercises were brought to a close by the presentation of the diplomas by H. Clinton Lathrop of the school committee, who also awarded the Julia F. Peck fund prizes. An interesting feature in connection with the latter is the fact that four pupils participated in the prizes instead of one. The fund for these prizes was given by Thomas Somers of New York in memory of Julia F. Peck, a teacher for many years in old Natchaug, from which an annual prize of \$2.50 in gold was to be awarded the pupil having the highest standing for the last year in school. Four pupils in the six year's class had the same standing and so were awarded a prize of \$2.50 each in gold—Bessie Levine, Eleanor Poole, John Williams and Reuben Rothblatt. The program as given Wednesday night follows:

Peace Hath Her Victories, No Less Renowned Than War, Milton.

Chorus—Spirit of Heroes, words by Mary Sibley Evans; Natchaug school chorus, Mrs. C. H. Caswell, accompanist.

A Thought from the Hindu, Youth's Companion, Merritt Carpenter.

Sentiments of Judge Hughes and Phillips Brooks, Reuben Rothblatt, John Williams.

Carry On, Robert W. Service, John Simmons.

Stars of Liberty, Minna Irving, Sara Stoughton.

When the Boys Come Home, Frank L. Stanton, Louise Thompson.

Immortal Savings of Immortal Men—Louise Thompson, Florence Wyatt, Fred Prag, James Butler, Stephanie Miela, Morris Cherry, Myron Robinson, and other members of the class.

Two familiar songs with introductions—Burt Squires, Richard Ellis, and chorus.

Today, Angela Morgan, Bessie Levine.

Dialogue, Entertaining City Visitors—Della, Irene Oatley; Sadie, Elsa Skoglund; Nettie, Eleanor Foote; Bessie, Minnie Mallory; Cornelia, Sara Byrd; Evangeline, Annie Anthony.

Musical—Come Where the Lilies Bloom, Will L. Thompson.

War and Peace, Florence Wyatt, Fred Prag, James Butler, Stephanie Miela, Morris Cherry, Myron Robinson, and other members of the class.

Dialogue—Brought to Trial for Blowing in from J. G. Holland's Arthur Bonniestein; Judge, Reuben Rothblatt; Henry Hulm, Wilfred Delude; Constable, Samuel Ellis; Constable, Richard Ellis; Arthur Bonniestein, Bessie Rose; Mr. Bird, Robert Bowen.

The Crowning of Peace, Nora Archibald Smith; Liberty, Madelyn Sheenard; War, Allyn Rose; Edith Pratt, Herald, John Simmons; Herald, Merritt Carpenter.

March Columbia, Father Motherland, arranged by Grant Drake.

Presentation of diplomas, H. C. Lathrop of the school committee.

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It was alleged against Mrs. Dawson that she married George Dawson, now deceased, in 1915, and that in 1918, she became, at Fisher's Island, the wife of John Parker, who has been on trial in Pomfret. There was a marriage contract, but both children are dead, the child born of the Parker marriage dying in Pomfret in the spring of this year.

Parker told Judge C. O. Thompson, who was acting as grand juror, that he had no idea Mrs. Dawson had a husband living when he married her, and Judge Thompson also quoted Parker as saying that Mrs. Dawson had told him that he had formed his husband had been injured in an automobile accident and had died of his injuries.

Both husbands appeared on Wednesday and said that they were prepared to furnish marriage certificates uniting them with Mrs. Dawson.

Octave Bissillon, 83, died during Tuesday night at his home here. He had been a resident here the greater part of the time for the past six or seven years, but claimed Stafford as his home town. Mr. Bissillon was born in Canada, but came into Vermont as a young man and has since made his home in the United States. His wife has been dead for a number of years.

His children are Dr. George J. of Athol, Mass., Edmund, superintendent of a paper plant in Philadelphia, Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Townsend, Vt., Mrs. E. J. Chamberlain, Staffordville, Mrs. S. Pond of Stafford, and Mrs. L. M. of South Manchester and Mrs. Edmund Tetreault of Putnam. The body is to be taken to Stafford Springs for burial.

Former service men here who are interested in forming a post in Putnam of the American Legion have been notified from Hartford that a charter will be granted. The charter is to No. 13, but this is not regarded as a hoodoo by those who are promoting the organization. The name of the post, of course, has not been selected and probably will not be until it is organized and the members have an opportunity to express themselves as to the name they desire.

An enclosed motor bus that operates between this city and Mechanicville and at times between Putnam and Danielson, tipped over Wednesday morning while it was loaded with passengers and on its regular run from this city to the nearby mill village. The passengers were thrown a heap, but all with a single exception escaped without serious injury. The injured passenger, a Polish man residing here, had his foot hurt and was brought to the office of Dr. J. J. Russell in this city for treatment. It is said that the accident was due to the fact that the state highway had been freshly oiled and that no sand was used to cover up the oil. The bus skidded and then tipped over. The machine is owned by Joseph Sliomak of this city. Many from this city went up to Mechanicville during Wednesday morning to see the wrecked machine, which was considerably damaged.

A card received from Corp. Leon Talbot by his uncle, Mark Wilson, states that the Putnam soldier is en route to Camp Grant, Ia., with 26 remaining members of his company, all westerners, to be mustered out. Corporal Talbot also will receive his discharge papers at Camp Grant and is expected to be at his home here within a few days. He had been in the service, a member of a regular army organization, for the past two years.

Polish residents of this city have planned a celebration for the Fourth of July, significant of the fact that their native land has again come into the hands of its sown people for government and direction as one of the beneficiaries of the world war.

William Nozicks, Canal street, is secretary of the committee of arrangements of the Polish Benefit society that is arranging the celebration and Danielson, Norwich, Willimantic and Southbridge will be invited to be represented.

The celebration will open with a patriotic ceremony in Union hall at 9 o'clock. This will include the unveiling of American and Polish flags.

The case of the late Golden Butte, Louis, was heard by Judge R. J. Toole Tuesday. Patrons: Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Helen Rose, Dorothy Loge, Florence Gingers, Pauline Grennon, Anna Tetreault, Doris Hope, Blanche Tetreault, Mary Peters.

A Chinese Honeycomb. Patrons: Rachael Burns, Rachael Burns, Emilie Edward, Tetreault, Doris Hope, Blanche Tetreault, Mary Peters.

Japanese Lantern. Patrons: Mrs. Ethel Spaulding, Mrs. Ethel Hale, Myrtice L'heureux, Cora Shippey, Rena Herman, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Spaulding.

Final: Miss Rachael Burns. The committees in charge of the production included: Mrs. L. E. Kennedy, Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Mrs. Rachael Burns, Mrs. Ethel Spaulding, Miss Lena Roberge, Mrs. Carroll Allen, Miss Ethel Spaulding, program committee, Miss Agnes J. Spaulding, Mrs. Rachael Burns, Mrs. Ethel Spaulding, chairman, Ruth Francis, Elsa Bartlett, Dorothy Hamilton, Helen Rose, Blanche Tetreault, Doris Hope, Alice Morrisette, Marguerite Keen, ticket committee, Mrs. Marguerite Hamilton, Mrs. L. E. Kennedy.

Ever get chased by a Ford? Harold B. Atwood, returning from Providence with a friend, tells of rounding a corner on the highway near the town of Greene and Summit when his attention and that of the other man were attracted by cries of "Help!" which he saw a man trying to hold back against a fence, pushing with all his might and main against the radiator of a Henry. He wanted to be rescued, so the two men, young men helped him out of his trouble. Before their arrival he had been standing for several minutes with his back against the fence trying to hold off his car, the engine of which was running. He had cranked the machine, which he stated as being a 1915 Ford, and shot out of the road in rounding the sharp curve, and as he did the car started to creep toward him. He could not get it back, and he was at the end of the car and the nearby fence, against